

Remarks/Arguments:

The applicant would like to thank the examiner for the telephonic interview on May 12, 2009, in which the claims and the prior art were discussed.

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed April 1, 2009.

Claims 1-45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hunter (Java™ Servlet Programming, Copyright (c) 2001, 1998 O'Reilly & Associates, Inc.) in view of Popp (U.S. Patent No. 6,249,291).

The independent claims have been amended to include the feature that “the controls of the control tree include a number of classes including a base control class; the base control class defines a set of services available to all controls, wherein the lifecycles are defined by a set of methods representing stages in the lifecycle, a control can override methods of the lifecycle, at least one lifecycle stage can comprise two methods that are called by lifecycle driver; wherein a Lifecycle class defines methods called during the control's lifecycle; lifecycle events can have two methods, a base method to provide the lifecycle service for the control, and a method called to raise an event”. This feature is not shown or made obvious by the cited prior art. This feature is supported by Table 2 of the present invention's published application.

Dependent claims 46-48 have been added with additional features from Table 2.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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